In Memory of Barbara Miller

A Celebration of Life and Witness to the Resurrection

October 1, 2025

Worship Key
*P: Pastor R: Reader **C: Congregation***

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

INTRODUCTION

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Barbara, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C: We glorify you.

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C: We praise you.

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C: We worship you.

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Beautiful Savior"* *ELW 838*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
than all the an - gels in the sky.
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

R: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

1 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.
9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the

beginning to the end. [12] I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; [13] moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. [14] I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. [15] That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

R: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

[1] I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
[2] My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

[3] He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
[4] He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

[5] The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
[6] The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

[7] The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
[8] The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

PSALM HYMN - *"On Eagle's Wings"*

Leader or All
1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
Refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
Leader or All
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no
Refrain
fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.
Leader or All
3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
Refrain
day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
3
4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.
Final refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957
Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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SECOND READING: Matthew 5:1-10

R: A reading from Matthew.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-6, 25-27

P: The holy gospel according to John chapter 14.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. [4] And you know the way to the place where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" [6] Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

[25]I have said these things to you while I am still with you. [26]But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. [27]Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY — Rev. Joshua Rinas

HYMN *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

Alexa Lokensgard, soloist

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

R: Let us pray.
Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

R: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

R: Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

R: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

R: Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

R: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

P: Let us commend Barbara to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Barbara. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

P: Let us go forth in peace,
C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

Barbara (Barb) Miller
October 1930 – July 2025

Barbara (Barb) Miller, 94, longtime resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 29th, in Traverse City, Michigan.

Barb was born in Chicago, IL on October 1, 1930 to the late Henning and Irma (Berger) Bloomquist. Barb possessed a confident determination and had an unwavering attention to detail. She was the Valedictorian of her Manistee High School class in 1948, then went on to excel at North Park Junior College in Chicago and the University of Michigan from which she graduated in 1952. It was at a pep rally at U of M that met she met fellow business school classmate, Harold Herbert (Herb) Miller, Jr. They were married December 6, 1952 and shared over 55 years in Ypsilanti.

Barb began her career as an economic analyst for the Ford Motor Company, then went on to work for the University of Michigan School of Business. After starting a family, Barb spent countless hours as a volunteer and leader in her church and her community. She was proud to edit the newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church for 40 years, taking the publication from mimeograph to digital format. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and traveling with Herb. She loved good food and was an excellent entertainer. She was proud of her Swedish heritage and was known for her pickled herring and Christmas cookies. Barb and Herb traveled across the country and across the ocean to spend time with their children and grandchildren. They shared in their enthusiasm for U of M sports and Detroit Tiger baseball.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Herb. She is survived by their daughters, Karin (David) Summers of Traverse City and Gail Lange of Hardeeville, SC, as well as grandchildren, Benjamin and Elizabeth Summers and Kaitlin and Kirsta Lange.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held October 1st at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI or Hospice of Michigan, Traverse City. The family requests that no flowers be sent at this time.

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